

Torrance, California
February 11, 1958

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting at 8:00 P. M., Tuesday, February 11, 1958, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were:
COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale, Jahn, Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None. The City Manager and the City Attorney were also present.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mrs. Rose Craig led the salute to our Flag.

Councilman Jahn opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve the Minutes of the February 4, 1958, meeting of the Council as written.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

HEARINGS:

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the Hearing on: CASE NO. 470, CHANGE OF ZONE. (HEARING, continued from meetings of January 7, January 14, and February 4, 1958):

Transmittal form from Planning Commission, recommending approval of CASE NO. 470, application of Torrance Planning Commission for a Change of Zone in all of Tract 22660, situated at 180th St. on the west side of Arlington from C-2 (General Commercial) to R-1 (Single Family Residential). This parcel has already been developed for single-family residential use. Attached to this were:

1. Location sketch;
2. Excerpts from Nov. 20, 1957, Planning Commission Minutes.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard on this Case.

There was no reply.

Councilman Jahn moved to close this Third and Final Hearing on Case No. 470.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission to Change the Zone in Tract 22660.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the Hearing on: CASE NO. 471. CHANGE OF ZONE. (HEARING, Continued from meetings of January 7, January 14, and February 4, 1958)

Transmittal form from Planning Commission, recommending approval of petition of Torrance Planning Commission for a Change of Zone from R-2 and A-1 to R-1 in all of Tract 22413, situated at 180th Street between Crenshaw and Casimir. Attached were:

1. Location sketch;
2. Excerpt from Nov. 20, 1957, Planning Commission Minutes.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on this Case. There was no reply.

Councilman Benstead moved to close this third and final Hearing before the City Council on Case No. 471.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation for Change of Zone in Case No. 471.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the Hearing on:

CASE NO. 472. CHANGE OF ZONE: (HEARING, Continued from meetings of January 7, January 14, and February 4, 1958):

Transmittal form from Planning Commission, recommending approval of petition of Planning Commission for a Change of Zone from R-2, C-2 and A-1 to R-1 in all of Tract 22654, situated at Purche Avenue on the south side of 182nd Street. Attached were:

1. Location sketch;
2. Excerpt from Nov. 20, 1957, Planning Commission Minutes.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard.

There was no reply.

Councilman Jahn moved to close this third and final Hearing before the City Council on Case No. 472.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for a Change of Zone in Case No. 472.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the Hearing on:

RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO VACATE NO. 3392 - Portion of Alley Adjacent to Lot 1, Tract 2807.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication and Affidavit of Posting Notice.

Councilman Benstead moved these be received and filed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objection, so ordered.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard.

There were no replies.

Councilman Jahn moved to close the Hearing on Resolution No. 3392.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale asked the City Manager if the City would retain the necessary easements.

The City Manager replied that any such easements would be included in the Ordinance of Vacation.

Councilman Drale moved the Ordinance be drawn vacating alley, and that all the necessary easement for the City's requirements be retained.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A February 3, 1958 letter from the American National Red Cross, 1200 So. Vermont Ave., Los Angeles 6, California, signed by Virginia Bryant, Manager, Special Features Dept., requested permission to fly the Red Cross flag at the City Hall during the month of March, 1958.

Councilman Benstead moved the request be granted.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

2. A February 6, 1958, letter from the Torrance Unified School District, signed by J. H. Hull, Supt. of Schools, requested the use of the Babe Ruth Field just west of Longren Aircraft on 247th Street for the South High School. The letter explained that the school has no facilities as yet for its games during the 1958 season. The letter stated that the District's liability coverage is carried by Pacific Indemnity Co.

Appended to Mr. Hull's letter was a letter to him from Pierce Venable, President of the Pacific American Babe Ruth League, in which Mr. Venable stated that the League had unanimously approved the school's request.

Councilman Blount moved to grant this request.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Councilman Drale pointed out that in their letter, they said this field was 'east' of the Longren Aircraft Co., but the City Manager replied that this was a typographical error or they were confused in their directions, as the field in question is west of Longren's plant.

There were no objections to the motion, and it was so ordered.

3. A letter dated February 5, 1958, signed by Mrs. Cleona J. Dowander, protested against the issuance of a license to the A & M Transportation Co., Inc., DBA Checker Cab. Mrs. Dowander signed her letter for the Yellow Cab Co. of Torrance.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen directed that this be considered in connection with the license application, later in the meeting.

4. A petition against the drainage conditions at the intersection of Prairie Avenue and Osage Avenue and/or 171st Street was directed to the City Council, and bore 36 signatures.

Mayor Isen said this had been referred to John V. Russell, the Director of Public Works, and asked Mr. Russell what had been done.

Mr. Russell reported he had written to these people, and we have begun work on this. We will go ahead with the correction needed there. He did not think it would be long until the situation is taken care of.

Mr. Clements, and interested person from the area in question, was present, and was directed to keep in touch with Mr. Russell about this.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY:

1. In a letter dated February 6, 1958, the City Attorney called to the attention of the City Council an article from the Los Angeles Daily Journal with reference to a revised Superior Court District Plan. This article reported the study of Multi-Judge Superior Courts and the appointment of a Committee to study the advisability of establishing a number of Superior Court Districts, each to be served by a multi-judge regional court.

In reply to a question, the City Attorney said he had thought the article had indicated this was the time to get to work on this rather than later, and therefore he had called it to the attention of the Council.

Councilman Drale thought it would be desirable to have such a Court in Torrance, and suggested the City Attorney, with the concurrence of the City Council, should write to the Board of Supervisors and offer them space for such a Court on our Civic Center site.

Mayor Isen suggested that the City Attorney also write to each member of the Committee and tell them that we are the hub of this area, and the proper space would be made available to them on the Civic Center Site.

Councilman Drale so amended his motion.

Motion, as amended, seconded by Councilman Jahn.

There were no objections to the motion, and it was so ordered.

City Attorney Remelmeyer asked the Council if they wished him to make any personal contacts in this matter.

Mayor Isen thought not, and that the letters would serve for the present.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

1. A February 6, 1958, letter from the City Manager read as follows:

"SUBJECT: New Cooking Ranges for Auditorium

"The gas ranges in the kitchen of the Civic Auditorium have been in use for many years and have become obsolete and, in fact, dangerous.

"We have received many complaints over the years from users and during preparation of food for a large banquet the facilities are inadequate.

"I have received quotations on three sections of heavy-duty commercial ranges of a type similar to those used in restaurants, hospitals, and schools. The quotations are as follows:

Three Sections E.B. Ranges, all grill top,	
List \$433.60 per section	\$ 1,300.80
Three set Legs @ \$13.60	40.80
	\$ 1,341.60
Less City Discount, approx. 22%	295.15
	\$ 1,046.45

"One of the problems with the old ranges has been an inadequate gas supply. Attached is the estimate from Torrance Plumbing Company for bringing adequate gas supply for the proposed ranges.

"In view of the constant and increasing uses of the Civic Auditorium, and as a safety measure, I recommend that the City purchase the above equipment. Funds to come from the Unappropriated Reserve."

Councilman Jahn asked if this is the only type of range we can use.

The City Manager said no, but it is the same type used in the schools and in restaurants. It is a professional range.

Councilman Benstead thought we should call for bids.

The City Manager said there are cheaper ranges.

Councilman Benstead moved to call for bids on this equipment.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

Mayor Isen asked if the Council should consider the proposal for bringing in a more adequate gas supply now.

The City Manager believed it would have to be brought in from the one location. He explained there is now a 3/4" gas line there, and it is too small. When big dinners are prepared there, temporary lines are brought in. This permanent line would be paid for in less than the cost of two of the temporary installations. He felt it would be proper to make the permanent installation.

Councilman Drale felt this should be attended to when we get the bids on the ranges.

In response to a question from Councilman Benstead, the City Manager said this line would be between 80 and 100 feet long, coming from a meter in the alley. It would run up through the attic and down to the outlet, being an exposed and painted pipe from the ceiling to the stove.

The City Manager explained he had obtained three informal bids on this, as is the policy of our management when calling for any items costing more than \$25.00.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen postponed discussion of the gas line until the bids on ranges are received.

2. A recommendation to the City Manager from H. Van Bellehem, Recreation Director, concerned the painting of the Victor E. Benstead Plunge Building. This was dated January 30, 1958, and read as follows:

"This office has been working on a painting schedule with Joe Rode and Larry Crunk. As there is only a month and a half left before we must open the building, it was decided that it would be better if we contract certain portions of the work and let Larry fill in what he can do by himself after the contractor is moved out.

"We therefore got estimates from A. W. Strand & Son, 1639 - 220th St., Torrance, TErminal 3-1107 or FAirfax 8-6601, or DAvenport 6-7613, for the work that we feel should be contracted.

"I would like to request an allocation of funds to take care of this contract work, and if further bids are needed that the entire job be turned over to the Public Works Department.

1. "Boys locker room, Girls locker room, halls, restrooms, first aid room, and lobby: paint all plastered ceilings, walls, and concrete block walls one coat of Stucco Life or equal. Work to be completed for the sum of \$428 including all labor and material. Price to include pool office and toilet. Any color selection.
2. "Varnished doors on the interior of the building: sandpaper all doors, varnish; three coats of Marine Spar Varnish. Work to be completed for the sum of \$154, including all labor and material.
3. Varnish counters: sandpaper surfaces, varnish two coats Marine Spar Varnish. Work to be completed for the sum of \$48 including all labor and material. Price includes counters in Boys and Girls dressing rooms; also the cashier's counter in Foyer. Exterior only.
4. Paint Fascia Board on front of building two coats; exterior synthetic enamel. Work to be completed for the sum of \$25, including all labor and material. Any color selection.
5. Varnishing benches: sandpaper benches, varnish three coats of Marine Spar Varnish. Work to be completed for the sum of \$85 including all labor and material.
6. Painting exterior doors: Sandpaper all doors, paint doors two coats, top quality exterior synthetic enamel. Work to be completed for the sum of \$72."

Appended to the memo from Mr. Van Bellehem was a memo from the City Manager, dated Feb. 7, 1958, reading: "I recommend that the contract- or be authorized to perform the work under Item No. 1. The remaining work should be done by the City Painter."

Councilman Jahn asked if this was the lowest of three bids, mentioning Item 1.

The City Manager believed the Recreation Department had called for bids on this.

Councilman Jahn felt the letter intimated that only one bid had been obtained. He did not like that at all.

Mayor Isen said the paint there was only a year and a half old, and he asked if this was not unusual to have to paint again so soon.

The City Manager thought that the paint inside a bath house might not last too long. He pointed out that he felt our painter could do all of this except the Item No. 1.

Councilman Jahn thought this price for Item No. 1 could be beaten.

Councilman Benstead felt the kind of paint to be used should be specified.

Mayor Isen asked the City Manager to see if other bids were taken on this and get the other information and report to the Council next week. There were no objections and it was so ordered.

3. A February 6, 1958, letter from the City Manager submitted to the Council a copy of a lease agreement with the Southern California Edison Company to erect three obstruction lights at the west end of the Airport. Construction of this part of the lighting program will begin immediately following the acceptance of this agreement. Total cost of the project is \$426.95.

Councilman Jahn moved to authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement.

Councilman Benstead asked who wrote this, and the City Attorney replied that the Edison Company had prepared the lease.

Councilman Benstead asked if we should not have prepared it, and the City Attorney said we usually work with them, but in an instance such as this, the Edison Company probably would not give it except under these conditions.

Councilman Jahn said we had requested them to do this, on their poles and their easement. He asked if we were not paying simply for the installation, and the City Manager said he believed so.

The City Attorney thought we could not expect the Edison Company to do this without an indemnity provision.

Councilman Benstead asked the City Attorney if he would accept this agreement, and the City Attorney said yes.

Mayor Isen seconded Councilman Jahn's motion, which carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

1. A February 7, 1958, memo from Gale Whitacre, License Inspector, recommended refund of overpayment of License Fee to Spencer's Rug Cleaners, 20625 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance. On January 6, 1958, Receipt #10965, they paid the amount of \$24 and again on January 31, 1958, Receipt #12536, they paid the amount of \$24.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation for refund.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. A February 4, 1958, letter from the Junior Baseball League, signed by Bernardine Hartley, President of the Women's Auxiliary of the Torrance National Little League, asked for a free renewal of business license to operate concessions at Del Amo Baseball Field by the Junior Baseball League.

A memo from License Inspector Whitacre recommended free license be granted subject to Health Department requirements.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the License Inspector.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. A January 27, 1958, request for a free permit to solicit and pick up salvage by Christian Service Organization of Southern California, dba Veterans Industries, was signed by William J. Heacox, Secretary. The address given was 218 Locust St., Long Beach, Calif.

Councilman Jahn asked if this is the same organization formerly known as Veterans Industries, with a change of name.

License Inspector Whitacre said they have not had a license here before; Veterans Industries was denied a license in Torrance in 1955. In 1957, they applied for a free license and withdrew the application because they were in the process of reorganizing into the Christian Service Organization of Southern California.

Councilman Benstead thought he recalled that this was a profit-making organization.

Mayor Isen asked to have an investigation made in line with the action taken by the Council two years ago.

Mr. Whitacre reported that the Police Department made an investigation.

Councilman Benstead asked Assistant Police Chief Porter if he was prepared to make a report, and whether this firm operates as the Veterans Industries did.

Mr. Porter replied he had a large file on the Veterans Industries organization, but since they have reorganized, there are certain State and Federal statutes in their favor, and therefore all the police can do is approve their application.

Mayor Isen asked if they had come from Santa Ana before, and Asst. Police Chief Porter said yes.

Councilman Jahn pointed out they have signed a statement saying they are not a profit making organization.

Mr. Porter reported that they have operated under several names, and each time the business was sold, their investigation shows it was sold by the man who owned it and who bought it under a different name, and each time there was a profit made. They have an agreement in Long Beach under which they are supposed to turn over a percentage to the disabled veterans' organizations; they do not turn over a percentage, but about \$200 per month.

Mayor Isen said he would like to hold this over for a week, as he did not feel he knew enough about the organization to vote on it.

Mr. Porter said the Department of Social Service in the County will not clear the organization known as Veterans Industries to collect salvage in the County in unincorporated areas, nor are they allowed to conduct salvage operations in the City of Los Angeles.

Councilman Jahn moved the Chief of Police be authorized to contact the various veterans organizations in our City about this.

Mr. Porter said this has been done.

Mr. Whitacre said there had been no replies from them, although letters were sent to them about this on November 19, 1957, because they had protested the previous time the organization applied for a free license.

Councilman Drale felt that these applications for free licenses should be more complete as to the hours solicitations are planned, days of solicitations, how many people would work in the City, etc.

Councilman Blount pointed out that we need not grant this application.

Councilman Benstead moved to deny this application.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

4. With a memo dated February 7, 1958, License Inspector Whitacre submitted an application from the Yellow Cab Co. of Torrance, 1330 Cabrillo Ave., for a taxicab stand for one taxi at 17405 Crenshaw Blvd., at Syd and Don's Service Station. Mr. Whitacre reported they have the written consent of Syd and Don as required by the City Code, and that Police Chief Bennett recommends approval of this application. Mr. Whitacre concurred with the recommendation of Police Chief Bennett.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of the Chief of Police and License Inspector.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

5. In a memo dated February 7, 1958, License Inspector Whitacre reported receipt of a request from the A & M Transportation Co., Inc., 15314 S. Vermont Ave., Gardena, Calif., Mr. Warner D. Harris, President, for a business license to operate four taxicabs in the City of Torrance. Mr. Whitacre listed the requirements of the City Code in such applications. He stated that Chief Bennett recommends approval of this request, and stated that if this is approved by the Council, he would recommend all requirements of the Code be met before any cabs are permitted to operate in the City of Torrance.

Mayor Isen instructed that Item 3 under Written Communications be considered in connection with this item.

Councilman Jahn moved this application be denied.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, because he thought we have plenty of taxicab people in the City of Torrance who have pioneered the business and they are not doing too well now, and he did not think any of them are getting rich.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone was here from A & M Transportation.

Councilman Jahn said that this Yellow Cab they want to run, according to the picture, says "Yellow Cab of Gardena" right on it.

There was a reply from a representative of the A & M Transportation Company, and Councilman Jahn replied to him that it could be 'directed' if he liked, but that he was simply going by what they had put on the piece of paper.

The man said there was a picture furnished, and Councilman Jahn said that was what he was looking at, and it says 'Yellow Cab of Gardena'.

The man said they operate in Gardena and Los Angeles.

Mayor Isen pointed out that the point being made is that on the picture of their cabs, it shows they operate under the name of 'Yellow Cab of Gardena'.

The man said there should be a picture of the checkered cab, and License Inspector Whitacre said there was only one picture furnished, and it is in his office. The one they wish to operate in Torrance, he added, is the checker cab.

Councilman Jahn said his motion stood.

Mayor Isen asked the name of the representative of the Cab Co., and the man said he was Mr. Harris.

Mr. Harris asked to explain one thing here; he said they were not asking for permission to operate in the City of Torrance proper. He said they are just asking to come into the City territory.

Mayor Isen asked what he meant by 'City of Torrance proper', and Mr. Harris said the downtown area.

Mr. Harris said they are interested only in the fringe area where they operate now; they are at 166th and Western and Crenshaw and Compton, and have many calls from that area. Right now if they go in there, they are operating against the law. He said that is the thing they are up against in that particular area. He said they are not soliciting in the City of Torrance and do not intend to. He said they are not asking for any stands in the City, but are asking if they get a call in that area they be permitted to come into the City in that particular area. He said they have been in business for 15 years, and are licensed in the City of Los Angeles, and have their limousines in that territory. He said he would think that the Yellow Cab Co. of Torrance would be only too happy to have somebody up in that area to pick up a load in that territory, so they would not have to send a cab up that far. He said they are already there, and are just across the street. He did not see why they should have any objections to that.

Mayor Isen asked him if he had anything further.

He did not.

Mayor Isen said a gentleman in the audience had his hand up.

Councilman Jahn said in order to clarify his motion, he wanted to make one change in his motion, with the permission of his second; that was, that in making his motion, that he should have included that this Council has made a fair determination of the necessity and public convenience, and it is their finding that this application should be denied.

Councilman Benstead accepted that in his second to the motion.

Mr. Stan Watts, owner of an existing taxicab company in the City, the A-1 Taxi Service, spoke to the Council; said when this man says he only wants to pick up in the one small corner, it isn't worth while for him to apply, because with that he can't afford to keep the equipment. He said he knew if the man got a permit, if he

had the money to do it, he would run cabs all over Torrance, and legally so. He said he was willing, at any time there is a request for more cabs, to add to his fleet what is needed. He felt sure the other cab company existing in the City would do the same thing.

Mayor Isen invited another gentleman in the audience who wished to speak to come forward.

A man in the audience said he would like to raise a point in regard to the service.

Mayor Isen asked for his name.

The man identified himself as Nate Citron, 17008 Delia, Torrance, speaking for the applicant.

Mr. Citron said these gentlemen claim they have sufficient equipment to cover Torrance, a City of possibly 95,000, with a potential of many thousands more. He said at the present time they are operating with possibly less than 8 cabs, for a City of this size. All the cabs at the present time, he went on, are in the downtown area of Torrance. Anyone in the north end of Torrance, possibly by Artesia Boulevard, after requesting a cab, has to wait anywhere from 10 to 15 minutes, if they do get their service, and he said they were lucky if they got a cab in 15 minutes. At the present time, he said they have suddenly asked for a permit at Crenshaw and 171st; he felt this was due to the fact that A & M has asked for a permit to operate a cab there for themselves. Up to this time, there has never been any service in the north end of Torrance or in the El Nido district or up by Artesia Boulevard or the eastern part. There has never been any cab service, and suddenly they come up with a phenomenal plan to service all of Torrance. He said the same was true with the Rancho District; there has never been any cab service out there, he said, and those people have 15 or 20 minutes to wait, and that 15 or 20 minutes in some cases can mean, in case of emergency, that it is very important that they get a little better service. All your cabs are centralized right down town, he stated, and he did not know if they wanted that business or not but as one of the Councilmen had said he only believes in one cab service, and doesn't believe in them having competition, and Mr. Citron did not believe that to be in the true spirit of free enterprise.

Councilman Jahn asked to correct one thing; he asked Mr. Citron if the last statement had referred to him, and Mr. Citron said it had.

Councilman Jahn said he had not said he only wanted one cab company in Torrance, because he had not said that and he would be in error if he did because there are already two, or three.

Mr. Citron said he got that impression because Councilman Jahn seemed to resent this service.

Councilman Jahn said he had said that there was ample service.

Mr. Citron said there might be where Councilman Jahn lives, but there is not where he lives. He reiterated that if the cabs are centralized downtown in Torrance it would be a good 10 to 12 minutes to the northern end of town, if the cabs get there at all.

Mr. Citron said they furnish 24-hour service, adding that their whole fleet runs 24 hours a day, not one or two cabs. He said they expect to put in brand-new equipment.

Mayor Isen started to speak, and Councilman Drale asked to be allowed to agree with Mr. Citron. He thought that with the increased population it is very unusual for the other Yellow Cab Co. to come in and make a request to immediately put a cab stand at 174th and Crenshaw, saying every time anyone comes in and makes a request for a new cab service. We have 1/3 of the population of the City in North Torrance, he said, and they did not have any cab service at all; he said they even called and the cab companies refused to come down there. He said our own bus system goes out that way, but they do not come often enough, and he said he was heartily in favor of letting these people operate a cab service in the north end of the City.

Mayor Isen asked the location of 15314 So. Vermont, the address

given on the application by A & M, directing his question to Mr. Citron.

Mr. Citron said that was the location of their garage and switchboard, and main headquarters. He repeated that they have a stand at 166th and Western, and one at Compton and Crenshaw.

Mayor Isen said he wanted to get himself straight on one thing, and he asked Mr. Citron if there was anything in our law to prevent him from picking up a fare in Gardena and bringing the passenger to Torrance.

Mr. Citron said there is a law against them coming into Torrance to take the passenger back.

Mayor Isen asked for an answer to his question, and Mr. Citron said there is not.

B. W. Dowander, owner of the Yellow Cab Co. of Torrance, spoke to the Council. He felt the things he was told here made him feel he doesn't take care of his own business. He had a list of calls with him which he said were received from Gardena today asking for cabs over in their area. He said he had the address and names of people that called for service from Gardena today, and he said one of the major complaints against Gardena is that they are so busy with the gambling clubs they can't take care of their own people. He did not see how they feel they can come over in this area and cut down our chances to improve our equipment and build better cab companies for our own people here and cut into our territory; he did not see how anything could be gained from it for them or for the people. He said he operated six cabs.

In response to a question from Mayor Isen, the operator of the A-1 Taxi Service said he operates 6 cabs.

Mr. Dowander said Bay Cities Taxi Co. has permits for only one cab, but he understands they want permits for more.

Mr. Whitacre said Bay Cities has two cabs, and he verified that these other companies are operating 12 cabs, making 14 in operation in the City.

Mr. Dowander said Torrance is not a taxi town actually; when he first started driving here, he went on, there were about 5 cab companies, and they were all going great; that was due to the war. Right after the war, one company after another went broke, he said. They could not survive, he went on, because the town doesn't have any night business; he stated you could go down on the streets at night and there is nothing down there. It is real quiet and peaceful. There's nobody on the streets at night. If they want to go anywhere they go out of town. So we have no night business; the taxi business is a 24-hour business, he added, and all three of the licensed cab companies now operate on a 24-hour basis. When we don't have any business at night, the money must come out of the day profits to support the crew. All of his men have been Union guaranteed and over, Mr. Dowander stated; he stated he has paid them more than the so-called Union guarantee because he wanted to keep his company fairly clean. It was his idea that this town is a residential City, it isn't a town where they have a good time, or really go out and tear the place up, he meant it was a pretty respectable City. It's a town where everybody likes to come and where they raise their families. He said, however, that this really doesn't push the cab business, so the fellows here have to make it strictly square. We have to pay the drivers higher than many of the other cities around us so there is no chance they will delve into other ways of making side money. If a driver can't make money driving cab, Mr. Dowander said, he must make it somewhere else. He has to make a living, Mr. Dowander stated, it is the only way he can survive. With all these things, he begged the Council to take into consideration what he had said and thanked them for their time.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone else wished to be heard.

There were no replies.

Councilman Blount asked to have the motion read, and it was.

Motion, as amended, carried by the following roll call vote:
 AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN:
 Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Isen spoke briefly before he voted, saying he is very much in favor of supporting locally-owned cabs to see that they make a living, for this reason: the taxi-cab business comes under the Police power, that is, it is a regulated business. When a cab driver is not going to make a living, he's going to be tempted to resort to booking on the side or various types of running - the Mayor did not want to go into that especially - and he thought our taxicab companies here and their drivers have been absolutely clean. They have conducted legitimate business. He could not see any reason for a Gardena cab company to come up into North Torrance, and they say that is the only place they are coming, unless it is to pick up fares to take them to the card clubs. If they have to go to the card clubs, he said, let them go in a Torrance cab.

At 8:45 P. M., the Council recessed, re-convening at 8:55 P. M.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

The first two items on the Agenda from the Engineering Department were removed, at the request of Mr. J. R. Patrick, Asst. to the City Engineer.

1. With a cover letter dated February 6, 1958, Mr. Patrick submitted to the Council one easement accepted by them in Resolution No. 3311 on October 8, 1957. This particular easement was granted by LeRoy and Lucille Forsythe, and the correction in description is made. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3408

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM LEROY FORSYTHE AND LUCILLE G. FORSYTHE, AND REPEALING A CERTAIN PORTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 3311.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3408.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. With a cover letter dated February 6, 1958, John R. Patrick, Asst. to the City Engineer, submitted a street easement granted by the Southern California District of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, originally accepted by the Council on September 17, 1957. A correction in the legal description was necessary, and has been made.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3409

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD, AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 3287.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3410.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. With a cover letter dated February 6, 1958, J. R. Patrick, Asst. to the City Engineer, submitted a street easement granted by Eva G. and Roland E. Rogers, for a 2-ft. widening of 231st Street and 2' for the widening of Pennsylvania Avenue, as required by the Planning Commission.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3410

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT
CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM ROLAND E. ROGERS AND
EVA G. ROGERS.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3410.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PLANNING COMMISSION:

1. A February 4, 1958, letter signed by Lee Schlens, John R. Patrick, and George C. Powell, members of the Waiver Board, suggested the following formula be adopted for applications for waivers to the Building Department, as the multitude of requests for Waivers is creating a hardship on the Waiver Board:

1. There shall be a front yard not less than 20' in depth;
2. There shall be a side yard on all interior lots not less than 5' in width;
3. There shall be a 10' side yard on all corner lots, adjacent to the side street;
4. There shall be a 20' rear yard open and unenclosed across the full width of the rear property line with the following permit exceptions:
 - a. An accessory building separated from the main building by 6' and not attached may occupy 1/3 of the required rear yard (being measured 20' times the width of the lot divided by 3);
 - b. A portion of the main building may extend into the above described rear yard area to a point not less than 10' from the rear property line, provided, however, that this extension of the main building shall not occupy more than 1/3 of the required rear yard area;
 - c. That no improvements be permitted in this rear yard area which at any time exceeds more than 1/3 of the required rear yard area, (swimming pools excepted).

The letter explained that this formula will provide that all requests, except those which are granted Waivers by the City Council, shall have adequate front, rear, and side yard areas. This formula shall also provide that on all residential lots there shall be ample rear yard area on the 50' lots now in existence. By following this formula there will remain 666 sq. ft. of open rear yard area. The formula, as recommended, pertains only to R-1 and R-2 zones.

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Councilman Jahn asked if this formula would cover the usual requests, and Mr. Powell said it would. Mr. Powell said if the City Council would allow the Building Department to issue permits using A and B of this formula as a guide, it would relieve the Waiver Board of about 75% of their work.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the formula and the recommendation of the Waiver Board.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn asked to have the record show that this motion covers the formula only as it applies to R-1 and R-2 zones.

Councilman Benstead asked if this meant the \$15 Waiver Fee would be waived.

Mr. Powell said it would.

2. A February 6, 1958, letter from the Waiver Board, signed by Lee Schlens, George Powell and John Patrick, submitted the following Waivers for consideration by the Council:

W-205: Walter B. Campbell Jr. - 3427 W. 188th St.,
requesting Waiver of size of accessory building in rear yard area. Recommended for approval by the Waiver Board for the reason there remains 1200 sq. ft. of rear yard area.

W-211: Jack and Jane Stephens, 1750 Greenwood Avenue,
requesting Waiver of rear yard from 20' to 11' 3" at one portion of the main building. 677 sq. ft. of open rear yard area remains, therefore, the Waiver Board recommends approval of this request.

Councilman Drale moved concurrence with the Waiver Board on Waivers W-205 and W-211.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. The first Resolution to be presented had been held over from the last meeting for further study by Councilman Blount, who had not received a copy of this on his Agenda when it was first presented.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3407

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ORDERING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE AN ASSESSMENT, DIAGRAM, PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, ESTIMATE AND REPORT, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF DIVISION 14, PART 1, STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE, STREET LIGHTING ACT OF 1919, AS AMENDED, FOR THE FURNISHING OF ELECTRIC CURRENT AND THE MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN STREET LIGHTING STANDARDS, FIXTURES AND APPLIANCES IN SAID CITY FOR A PERIOD OF THIRTY-SIX (36) MONTHS, BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1, 1958, AND ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1961.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale said he would vote against this Resolution, because he feels it is an unnecessary tax in the City. He pointed out that we will soon have sales tax to supplement the City's income,

and he felt this to be an extra tax.

Councilman Benstead stated that he would vote against this, as he did not believe in taxing people twice and he felt that would be the result of adoption of this Resolution. He said the money now collected for lights would not be removed from the tax rolls, so we would just be setting up another assessment.

Mayor Isen said he intended to vote yes because he respectfully disagreed with the opinions of Councilmen Benstead and Drale. He said most of the City is in darkness, and does not have street lights, but the City pays for the current used in all the street lights, so even those people who do not have them are helping to pay for this current. Under this plan, for about 45¢ a month, everyone will have lights. He felt that the \$60,000 per year which will eventually be saved should go either to recreation or library purposes, or some similar use which the general public of our City would benefit from. Mayor Isen explained that the current is now paid from the general funds of the City.

Councilman Benstead said if the tax rolls were cut by the sum under discussion, he would vote for adoption of this plan.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 4907.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount, and carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

2. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3411

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO PERMIT THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OF SAID COUNTY TO RENDER SPECIFIED SERVICES TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN SAID CITY ON APRIL 8, 1958.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3411. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3412

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE URGING THE YOUNG MEN OF THE COMMUNITY TO AVAIL THEMSELVES OF THE MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR CIVIC LEADERSHIP AND SELF-IMPROVEMENT THROUGH MEMBERSHIP IN THE TORRANCE JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale asked who had asked for this Resolution to be presented.

Mayor Isen referred the question to the City Attorney, who replied it had been prepared in his office, but that he did not

recall who had requested it. His secretary had told him she was preparing it, and he had assumed that one of the Council had asked to have it presented.

Mayor Isen said he had been having an extremely busy week, but he might have requested it; if someone had called him, and it was possible, requesting such a Resolution, he might have sent them to the City Attorney's office. He felt this was a lot of discussion over merely urging these young men to do something which all the Council would want them to do.

Councilman Drale thought perhaps we should have a Resolution urging everyone to join any kind of an organization, and Mayor Isen agreed that it might be a good idea.

Motion to dispense with further reading of the Resolution carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen asked Councilman Drale if he would not have done the same thing if it had been asked of him.

Councilman Drale asked why the Mayor had not just said he had asked for this.

Mayor Isen said he did not recall asking for it.

Councilman Jahn asked if a precedent had been set so we would ask people to join any other organization, saying he did not wish to be partial saying 'Junior Chamber of Commerce'. He added that he is not a member of this himself; if we asked them to join the American Legion or the Women's Club or something else, he might be for it, but just one organization, he could not favor. He said he did not care who had put it here. That was his feeling.

Councilman Benstead asked if this belonged here.

Mayor Isen told Councilman Benstead that they could not join this organization, saying they were too old.

Councilman Jahn said he was not too old, and that he was still eligible to join, but has never been asked, and now he won't join. Anyhow, Councilman Jahn said, we did not have a motion, so the Council might be discussing something which was not on the floor.

Mayor Isen said he would certainly make a motion to adopt it, because he was heartily in favor of urging young men to join the Jr. Chamber of Commerce.

Councilman Benstead seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Jahn. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

ORDINANCES:

1. A cover letter from A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk, dated February 7, 1958, submitted for its second reading Ordinance No. 936, which was unanimously adopted at its first reading on February 4, 1958, with all Councilmen present.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 936

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 467.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 936 at its second and final reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. A February 7, 1958, cover letter from City Clerk Bartlett submitted for its second reading Ordinance No. 937, unanimously adopted at its first reading on February 4, 1958, with all Councilmen present.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 937

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 469.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 937 at its second and final reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. With a cover letter dated February 7, 1958, City Clerk Bartlett submitted for its second reading Ordinance No. 939, which was unanimously adopted at its first reading on February 4, 1958, with all Councilmen present.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 939

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTIONS 16.200, 16.201, AND 16.202 OF CHAPTER 16 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 928) PROVIDING THAT AN ATTENDANT MUST BE ON DUTY AT ALL TIMES IN SELF-SERVICE LAUNDRIES AND ESTABLISHING A BUSINESS FEE THEREFOR AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY; AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR ARTICLE V OF CHAPTER 16 RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 939 at its second and final reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

4. A cover letter dated February 7, 1958, written by City Clerk Bartlett, submitted for its second reading Ordinance No. 940, which was adopted at its first reading on February 4, 1958, by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Jahn. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 940

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 6 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" ENTITLED "BUILDING CODE" BY ADDING TO THE BUILDING CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO LOW WINDOWS IN HOTELS.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 940.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 940 at its second and final reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Jahn. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

At the request of the City Attorney, an item submitted with a cover letter dated February 6, 1958, concerning acceptance of property by the City, was removed from the Agenda, as there were no objections.

1. With a cover letter dated February 6, 1958, the City Attorney submitted the necessary ordinance to establish bus zones as requested by Bus Superintendent Chamberlain on January 7, 1958, and approved by the Council at that time.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 942

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE STABLISHING CERTAIN BUS LOADING ZONES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTIION 17.99 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954."

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn said this seemed to establish bus routes in the area where the Council had not wanted them, near 174th and Hawthorne.

The City Attorney reported this Ordinance had been prepared to provide routes which the Bus Superintendent thought were needed.

Councilman Bount moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 942 at its first and final reading, as an Urgency Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. With a cover letter dated February 6, 1958, the City Attorney submitted a proposed Ordinance amending Section 2.5 of the City Code to show the address of the location of the new City Hall as the place where council meetings are held.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 943

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 2.5 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" RELATING TO THE PLACE OF HOLDING COUNCIL MEETINGS, AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION THEREFOR.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 943 at its first reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. With a cover letter dated January 31, 1958, the City Attorney submitted to the Council an ordinance re impounding of motor vehicles. He reported this had been prepared pursuant to the request of the Chief of Police and the authority contained in Section 585.1 of the State Vehicle Code.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 944

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 17.74 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" ENTITLED "AUTHORITY OF POLICE TO IMPOUND VEHICLES", AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION THEREFORE.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 944.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 944 at its first reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount.

Councilman Blount questioned Section 3 of this Ordinance, saying he felt if the owner of an impounded vehicle is charged with the expense of getting it back from the City, he would question the validity of trying to fine such owner \$500 as well. He could not see the necessity for this.

The City Attorney explained that this is normal procedure.

Councilman Blount said he would like to have Section 3 removed from this Ordinance.

Councilman Jahn agreed with Councilman Blount, as did other members of the Council.

There was no objection, and Councilman Benstead amended his motion for adoption of the Ordinance to provide that Section 3 of the Ordinance should be deleted.

The amendment was accepted in the second to the motion by Councilman Blount.

Motion, as amended, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

4. With a cover letter dated February 6, 1958, the City Attorney submitted for study the proposed Airport Ordinance, which was approved by the Airport Commission at their meeting of January 23, 1958. The City Attorney reported in his letter that the Ordinance had been developed by him in conjunction with Mr. Edward Dietrich and Mr. Rogers and has the approval of Messrs. Dietrich, Rogers, and the Chief of Police. If the City Council approved the Ordinance, the City Attorney said he would send it to the Civil Aeronautics Administration before resubmitting it for adoption by the Council.

Councilman Jahn said he had discussed this proposed Ordinance with the City Attorney, who had told him the Council could propose certain changes in this Ordinance and still act on it tonight. He presented to members of the Council and the City Attorney 7 proposed amendments to the Ordinance which he had prepared. He discussed this paper with the Council and the City Attorney at some length. He pointed out that we will soon employ a manager for the Airport and operate it ourselves, and that additional safety measures should be provided where necessary and possible.

Councilman Blount pointed out that some of these measures, and the entire Ordinance, would be subject to study by the CAA.

After some discussion, Mayor Isen suggested that Councilman Jahn meet with the City Attorney during the next week and confer with him concerning these proposed amendments to the Ordinance, which could come back to the Council at the next meeting.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Isen read a Proclamation proclaiming the week commencing February 9, 1958, as National Beauty Salon Week in Torrance, and urged our citizens to join in the celebration of this special week.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The City Manager recommended that the City Council authorize the City Attorney to prepare condemnation proceedings for a sewer line to cross under the Santa Fe Railway line. He said this would be for the sewer being installed north of the City Hall, which will cross Madrona. Mr. Stevens explained that this action may not be necessary, but if it should be, time would be of the essence in the matter. The papers could be ready for the next meeting of the Council.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The City Manager reported regarding the other sewer line which is planned to run north on Hawthorne Blvd. from Lomita Boulevard. He said he believed the Del Amo shopping area developers will offer to pay a certain share of that now, with the understanding they will get half of their money back later. He said they are of the opinion that the City should put this in, although he has explained to them that the City has never performed this function.

Councilman Jahn thought this to be a matter of economics, and pointed out that a pumping system would cost them at least \$31,000 and would have to be maintained, whereas the sewer would cost them about the same amount of money and they would have no maintenance to provide for.

City Manager Stevens requested the City Council to authorize himself and his assistant to attend a portion of the City Manager's Conference being held in Long Beach on February 13 and 14, 1958. He told the Council they are both participating in the activities of the Conference.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the request of the City Manager.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The City Attorney told the Council that with regard to the authorization they had given him to draw a lease to the North Torrance Babe Ruth League for a baseball field, he had found they are not yet in existence as a corporation. He said the lease could be run to three officers of the organization as trustees, if that was the wish of the Council.

Mayor Isen asked if the lease had a revocation clause, and the City Attorney said it does.

Mr. Eagin, representing the North Torrance Babe Ruth League, said they have applied for their Charter and he believed they would have it very soon. He said they have to have land for a field to get the Charter. In the meantime, the men who are working with this League would like to be getting the work done to get the field in shape for use this spring. He said three of the men would be willing to sign the lease as trustees.

Mayor Isen thought this could be done, with the provision that the lease read as being made to them or their successors as trustees.

Councilman Jahn said such a situation had never arisen before. He felt the Council has indicated their willingness to lease to the North Torrance Babe Ruth League, but he did not want this to run to individuals, and he said he would have to vote against the proposal.

Mr. Eagin said they could get their Charter any time before May.

Councilman Blount felt something could be worked out here, and favored the suggestion concerning the trustees.

The City Attorney pointed out that no insurance company would write a policy to an organization which does not exist, and that one of the important clauses in this lease is that they shall carry insurance to indemnify the City.

After further discussion, it was agreed that the City Attorney would hold this for another week and check with the insurance companies regarding this.

Councilman Jahn referred to his question at a previous meeting concerning the barricades in front of Torrance High School on Carson St., and said he had been told that these barricades had been put up with permission from the City Council. He asked that this matter be referred to the Traffic Commission for study, as the opening of the shopping center on Hawthorne will bring heavy traffic across Carson. He felt this should be studied by the Traffic Commission and they should prepare a recommendation on whether or not the barricades should stay there.

There were no objections, and this was referred to the Traffic Commission for study.

Mayor Isen read in full a letter of resignation from the Planning Commission by Mr. Elvin Schoonover, who gave his reason for such resignation as ill health.

Mayor Isen expressed his regrets at the resignation of Mr. Schoonover, and the hope of himself and the Council that Mr. Schoonover would soon feel much better.

Councilman Benstead moved that an appropriate letter be written to Mr. Schoonover, thanking him for his service to the City and accepting the resignation.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objections, so ordered.

Mayor Isen referred to the Code of the City of Torrance, Ordinance No. 443, Paragraph 2, which gives him the authority to appoint members of the Planning Commission, and said he wished to fulfill his duty in every respect.

Mayor Isen said he would nominate Mr. H. J. Osborne, 3026 Torrance Blvd., to fill the chair vacated by Mr. Schoonover on the Planning Commission, and would ask the Council for a vote on the appointment next week. He reported that Mr. Osborne is a member of the Realty Board, and has an excellent reputation throughout the City.

Councilman Benstead moved all bills properly audited be paid.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 P. M.

A. H. Bartlett

A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk of the
City of Torrance

APPROVED:

Albert Isen

Mayor of the City of Torrance